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40 PM San Francisco, Cal.

May 30, 1944.

Dear Mr. Nabrit,

Please accept my gratitude for your very interesting letter. I learned many things. The idea of sending such a letter to each graduate is an excellent idea. You have no idea how my morale was lifted. It's good to be remembered by your Alma Mater.

You may be pleased to learn that Major Elders Prindexter visited this regiment in his tour. All of the officers and especially those from Harvard were proud to hear him speak as an authority on his subject. Since then, he has spoken to all units of the Division, some of which are in combat. My regiment is not in combat, but the future is uncertain.

We are located in the South Pacific. This



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island falls far short of the kind you see in movies. There are no glamorous native girls here. Only native men are here from different places. Until recently there were no women. Now a few Red Cross workers and many nurses are scattered over the island. We hardly ever see them.

A few U.S.O. shows play for us and movies are shown four times a week. In off duty hours we play various games varied with swimming. Our routine is dull, but when Harvardites get together you know what happens.

Post war plans is a major concern of ours. Personally, I am anxious to secure a job as a junior accountant in a business firm or a college. My goal is to qualify as a Certified Public Accountant. I feel that additional



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formal education will enable me to meet the keen competition after the war.

Relative to post war plans, Mr. Nabrit, I have a suggestion to offer. First, let me state that this plan or idea will include the personnel and facilities at Howard available for its accomplishment. I would be proud to see Howard sponsor this idea, but you will be the judge of that.

Here's the idea. An Advisory Bureau staffed with qualified personnel from each department composed of professors and top ranking students would be able to state job possibilities in their respective fields. Facts could be gathered from such sources as the Library of Congress, governmental agencies and other organizations. This information could be compiled and published or held ready for distribution for any interested persons. Believe you me, there would ^{be} a host seeking such information. Taking all factors



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into consideration, I would even say geographic locations for certain vocations could be given to insure reasonable success for the individual. This bureau could assume a leading position in post war planning. Such an agency could render a major contribution to American life. I have merely outlined the plan. What do you think of it?

Each Harvardite has spoken favorably of his letter. I have re-read the Bulletin until the pages have become worn. Thank you many times for it.

I extend best wishes to yourself, the President, and the University Community.

Sincerely yours,

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1st Lt. 368th Inf.

Class of '40.

P.S. I am Regimental Communications Officer. Military censorship forbids enumeration of duties. Suggest a good dictionary.